



Advisory Announcement

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Prince William Sound Salmon Fishery Announcement #25

COPPER RIVER DISTRICT: The Copper River District will open at 7:00 am on Thursday, July 13 for a 60-hour commercial drift gillnet fishing period.

The grass bank marker line is defined in 5 AAC 24.350(1)(A) with the exception of this year's extension of the closure line across Little Softuk (**see bold font below**). This closure line is defined with the following points:

| <i>Point</i> | <i>Latitude</i> | <i>Longitude</i> |
|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Point Whitshed South | 60° 26.49' N. | 145° 52.86' W. |
| Alaganik Slough North | 60° 24.65' N. | 145° 36.70' W. |
| Pete Dahl East | 60° 20.44' N. | 145° 29.14' W. |
| West Kokenhenik | 60° 14.88' N. | 145° 10.01' W. |
| East "East Side" | 60° 14.83' N. | 145° 03.36' W. |
| Coffee Creek East | 60° 14.19' N. | 144° 58.01' W. |
| Charlie Mohr North | 60° 15.15' N. | 144° 56.43' W. |
| Martin River North | 60° 15.29' N. | 144° 52.52' W. |
| Strawberry Reef | 60° 13.93' N. | 144° 50.66' W. |
| Little Softuk | 60° 13.16' N. | 144° 41.38' W. |

Waters north of this line, within sloughs, and in Boswell Bay within the bay (5 AAC 24.350 (1)(A)) are closed to commercial and subsistence salmon fishing during all periods.

Cumulative sonar count through 7/11 is 771,081 fish whereas 503,394 fish are projected by this date. The 0600 count for 7/12 is 2,816 fish. For the week ending July 8, the actual Copper River Delta survey count was 35,350 sockeye salmon versus an anticipated range 30,055 – 71,040. Preliminary harvest estimates from the 60-hour period that started on Thursday, July 6 were 55,000 sockeye and 300 Chinook salmon with 232 deliveries reported. The cumulative Copper River District harvest to date is 10,200 Chinook and 676,000 sockeye salmon.

BERING RIVER DISTRICT: The Bering River District will open to commercial salmon fishing, west of a longitude line at 144° 33.60' W., for a 60-hour period starting at 7:00 a.m. on Thursday, July 13.

COGHILL DISTRICT: The Coghill District, **excluding the Bettles Bay Subdistrict and the WNH SHA inside a line of buoys in front of the barrier seine**, will open to commercial drift gillnet harvest for an 84-hour period starting at 8:00 am on Thursday, July 13. **Until further notice, regulatory closed waters pertaining to the Coghill River, as specified in 5 AAC 24.350(6)(B)), will not be in effect during open commercial fishing periods. Commercial fishing will not be permitted within the bed or channel of the Coghill River at any**

stage of the tide. The Coghill River weir has passed 30,412 sockeye salmon through 7/11 with a cumulative target of 13,642–51,165 fish for the date. Preliminary harvest estimates from the 84-hour period that started on Thursday, July 6 were 81,600 chum and 14,700 sockeye salmon with 296 deliveries reported.

ESHAMY DISTRICT: The Eshamy District will open to commercial gillnet harvest for a 36-hour period starting at 8:00 am on Thursday, July 13. The AGZ will open to **DRIFT GILLNET** permit holders only during this fishing period. Preliminary harvest estimates from the 36-hour period that started on Thursday, July 6 were 35,900 sockeye and 13,900 chum salmon with 252 deliveries reported. Preliminary harvest estimates from the 36-hour period that started on Monday, July 10 were 17,400 sockeye, 5,450 pink and 2,800 chum salmon with 94 deliveries reported.

MONTAGUE DISTRICT: The Port Chalmers Subdistrict will open to drift gillnet fishing for an 84-hour period starting at 8:00 am on Thursday, July 13 with an additional 60-hour period beginning at 8:00 am on Monday, July 17. A regular schedule of two fishing periods per week is anticipated to remain in effect until further notice. The western boundary of the Port Chalmers Subdistrict is defined by lines from 60°20.00'N., 147°26.59'W. to 60°14.75'N., 147°35.35'W. to 60°02.50'N., 147°44.41'W. **Regulatory closed waters and anadromous stream closures within the Port Chalmers Subdistrict will not be in effect until further notice.** Preliminary harvest estimates from the 84-hour period that started on Thursday, July 6 were 175,000 chum, 4,200 pink, and 320 sockeye salmon with 295 deliveries reported.

UNAKWIK DISTRICT: The Unakwik District will open to commercial drift gillnet and purse seine harvest for a 36-hour period starting at 8:00 am on Thursday, July 13. The harvest for the 36-hour period that started on Thursday, July 6 was 1,170 sockeye salmon with 6 deliveries reported. Harvest from the 36-hour period that started on Monday, July 10 is confidential.

SEINE FISHERIES: The next commercial fishing period is anticipated to occur on Friday, July 14 with time and area announced on Thursday, July 13. VFDA began its cost recovery sales program on Monday, July 3, and has collected approximately 64% of the assigned pink salmon revenue goal. VFDA cost recovery is continuing today.

Preliminary harvest estimates from the Eastern District period that occurred yesterday July, 11 was 2.95 million pink salmon with 254 deliveries.

COGHILL DISTRICT: The Coghill District, waters of College Fiord, north of a latitude line at Pt. Pakenham (61°0.36' N.), will open to commercial purse seine harvest for an 84-hour period starting at 8:00 pm on Thursday, July 13. **Until further notice, regulatory closed waters pertaining to the Coghill River, as specified in 5 AAC 24.350(6)(B)), will not be in effect during open commercial fishing periods. Commercial fishing will not be permitted within the bed or channel of the Coghill River at any stage of the tide.** The Coghill River weir has passed 30,412 sockeye salmon through 7/11 with a cumulative target of 13,642–51,165 fish for the date. Continued run entry warrants commercial purse seine fishing opportunity.

**The next scheduled seine fisheries announcement is anticipated to be at 2:00 pm Thursday, July 13.
The next scheduled gillnet fisheries announcement is anticipated to be at 2:00 pm Saturday, July 15.**